

Remark

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 11, 16 and 23 have been amended. Claim 8 has been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-7 and 9-25 are present for examination.

Double Patenting

Claims 1, 11, 16 and 23 are rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 8 and 14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,842,190. The limitations of Claim 8 have been incorporated into Claim 1, 11, 16, and 23. Accordingly, this rejection is, respectfully, traversed.

35 U.S.C. §102(e) Rejection

Matsumoto

Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(c) as being anticipated by Matsumoto et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,590,608 ("Matsumoto"). The limitations of Claim 8 have been incorporated into the independent claims of the present invention. With respect to Claim 8, the Examiner simply cites Col. 15, lines 21-30 and Col. 15, line 47 to Col. 16, line 8 of the reference. Applicants have studied these sections and are unable to find any description of annotating "only if the differential information indicates a change from the current state of the auxiliary information."

The first cited section recites that "the differential operator also has another function of merely passing the image data without performing the differential operation over the image data." This section shows only that the differential operator has an active

function and an inactive function. There is no mention of how to determine which function to use.

The second cited section is much longer and Applicants find no suggestion of annotating only if the differential information indicates a change from the current state of the auxiliary information. Figures 41 and 42, on the contrary, suggest that there is always an annotation.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

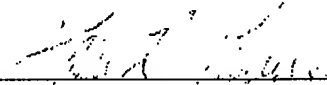
Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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